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SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL'S MEETING WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUGUE

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SUMMARY: FONMIN KAMOUGUE MET OCTOBER 6 AT HIS REQUEST
WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL TO PRESS CHAD'S REQUEST
FOR US MILITARY ASSISTANCE. KAMOUGUE WAS INFORMED THAT
USG WOULD CONSIDER REQUEST, BUT THAT PRESENT GUIDELINES
ON US FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROVIDE BLEAK OUTLOOK
FOR A POSITIVE RESPONSE. END SUMMARY.

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1. DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL MET WITH CHADIAN FONMIN

KAMOUGUE AT KAMOUGUE'S REQUEST AFTERNOON OCTOBER 6. DISCUSSION WAS LIMITED TO THREE SUBJECTS: MILITARY ASSISTANCE, CHAD'S RELATIONS WITH FRANCE, AND CHAD'S DESIRE THAT US OIL FIRM BEGIN EXPLOITATION OF CHAD'S PETROLEUM RESERVES, ALTHOUGH INGERSOLL ALSO NOTED CHADIAN SUPPORT ON KOREAN QUESTION.

2. ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE, KAMOUGUE STRESSED THAT INTERNAL SECURITY IS PREREQUISITE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND THAT GOC MUST HAVE MEANS TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST INTERNAL

THREATS. KAMOUGUE SAID THAT REQUEST FOR MILITARY AID CAME DIRECTLY FROM PRESIDENT MALLOUM. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS ENUMERATED BY KAMOUGUE WERE: 20 TANKS, 2 FIGHTER PLANES, 2 ARMED HELICOPTERS, AND TRAINING FOR NECESSARY PERSONNEL. KAMOUGUE SAID CHAD WILLING TO PAY FOR THIS AID TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, BUT COULD NOT PAY IN FULL. HE DID NOT SPECIFY TYPE OF ARMOR OR AIRCRAFT CHAD BELIEVES IT REQUIRES.

3. RESPONSE GIVEN BY INGERSOLL WAS THAT AT PRESENT TIME, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION TO PLACE CHAD ON LIST OF COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. PRESENT DESIRE OF CONGRESS IS TO PARE DOWN NUMBER OF COUNTRIES ON LIST, NOT TO EXPAND IT. HOWEVER, IF CHAD WILLING AND ABLE TO PAY FOR ITEMS IT REQUIRES, THEN USG WOULD SEE IF NECESSARY EXPORT LICENSES COULD BE OBTAINED.

4. KAMOUGUE STRESSED NEED FOR URGENT RESPONSE FROM USG. AFTER FRENCH EVACUATE THEIR TROOPS BY END OF MONTH, CHAD WILL STAND ALONE, HE SAID. KAMOUGUE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT PRESIDENT MALLOUM HAD EXPRESSED HOPE US MILITARY ADVISOR COULD VISIT CHAD IN NEAR FUTURE TO ASSESS COUNTRY'S MILITARY NEEDS.

5. ON RELATIONS WITH FRANCE, INGERSOLL EXPRESSED REGRET THAT DIFFERENCES HAD ARISEN BETWEEN TWO OLD FRIENDS OF THE US. KAMOUGUE EXPLAINED THAT WHILE FULL BREAK WITH FRANCE HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE, CHAD FELT IT MUST INSIST
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ON RESPECT FOR ITS SOVEREIGNTY.

6. ON OIL EXPLOITATION, KAMOUGUE ASKED USG TO INTERVENE WITH CONOCO, AMERICAN FIRM EXPLORING FOR OIL IN CHAD, TO BEGIN EXPLOITATION OF RESERVES ALREADY FOUND. INGERSOLL COMMENTED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF CONOCO'S EXPLORATION, BUT THAT HE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF CONOCO DID NOT EXPLOIT ANY OIL FOUND IN COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES, GIVEN PRESENT HIGH

PRICE OF CRUDE.

7. INGERSOLL NOTED THAT CHAD HAD SUPPORTED US POSITION ON KOREA LAST YEAR AT UNGA AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SUCH SUPPORT WOULD CONTINUE THIS YEAR. KAMOUGUE DID NOT DIRECTLY ADDRESS KOREAN QUESTION, BUT SAID HE HAD CONFIDENCE IN UNITED STATES WITH WHOM CHAD HAD THE MOST FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

8. MEETING THEN CONCLUDED WITH DEPT'S PROMISE TO CONSIDER CHAD'S REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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